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PEN International Congress 2017: Reclaiming Truth In Times Of Propaganda by Joanne Leedom-Ackerman

Joanne Leedom-Ackerman has written about PEN International's 83rd Congress, including a change that has been made to the PEN Charter to cover "a wider mandate, reaching beyond just opposing hatreds of race, class and nations to include by extension gender, religion and other categories of identity." Philippe Sands' keynote speech from the Congress [can be read here](#).

PEN International's 83rd Congress in Lviv, Ukraine took on truth and words, history and memory, women's access and equality, cyber trolling, fake news and threats to freedom of expression worldwide, including public panels focused on the three super powers: "America's Reckoning—Threats to the First Amendment in Trump's America," "China's Shame—How a Poet Exposed the Soul of the Party," and "Putin's Power Play—The Decline of Freedom of Expression in Russia."

At its annual gathering PEN hosted more than 200 writers, editors, staff and visitors from 69 PEN centers around the world in the historic city of Lviv, the Cultural Capital of Ukraine and a UNESCO World City of Literature...[read more](#)

(Image courtesy of PEN International)

Lucy Hawking Speaking at UCT

For the last three years we have partnered with the Project for the Study of Alternative Education in South Africa (PRAESA) on a series of projects, including the translation of *George's Secret Key to the Universe* by Lucy Hawking into isiZulu and isiXhosa. These translations have now been published by Jacana Media to coincide with the author's visit to South Africa. Hawking spoke in Johannesburg last week and will be **speaking at UCT tomorrow evening**.

Where: Lecture Theatre 1, Kramer Law Building, University of Cape Town

When: Wednesday 18 October 2017, 6 PM

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We hope to see some of you there!



New Issue of Swedish PEN's *The Dissident Blog* Focuses on Turkey

"It was an obvious decision to devote this *Dissident Blog* to Turkey. Since July 2016 we have seen a steady stream of writers, publishers and journalists, as well as teachers, academics and others opposing the government, being arrested on unclear and false grounds and put in prison. The dismantling of free expression and free press is shocking, both to its extent and concerning the speed of events." [...read more](#)

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The First Issue of the Annual *TSSF Journal* Has Been Launched

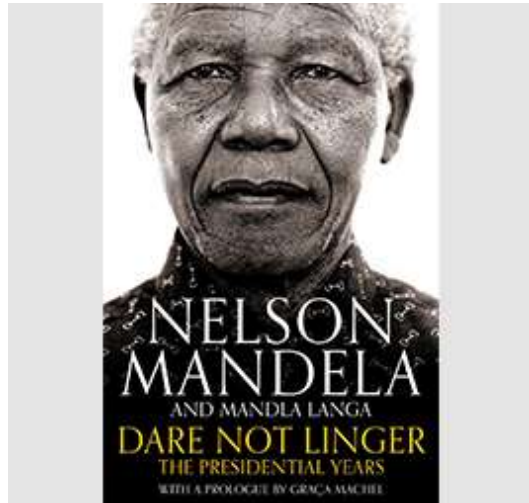
The Single Story Foundation has launched the first issue of its annual journal of fiction, non-fiction and poetry. PEN SA member Tiah Beutement is the managing editor of the *TSSF Journal* and this issue features work by fellow member Athol Williams and fifteen other writers...[read more](#)

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UPCOMING EVENTS

See what's still [coming up this month](#), including the NIROX Words Festival

NEW MEMBERS' TITLES



[Dare Not Linger](#) by Nelson Mandela and PEN SA Executive Vice-President Mandla Langa is coming out this month. Other new titles by PEN SA members include [Tullula](#) by Refiloe Moahloli, [A Private Audience](#) by Beverly Rycroft and [Shadow Chasers: Flame of Truth](#) by Bontle Senne. Older titles by recently joined members include [Jozi](#) by Perfect Hlongwane and [Extremely Epic Viking Tale of Yondersaay](#) by Aoife Lennon-Ritchie...[read more](#)

WELCOME

Welcome to new PEN SA Professional

and launches for new books from PEN SA members Bontle Senne, Sisonke Msimang, Dawn Garisch and Beverly Rycroft.

CALLS FOR SUBMISSIONS

Pan Macmillan South Africa will be accepting manuscript submissions from 20 to 24 November 2017...[read more](#)

International Radio Playwriting Competition...[read more](#)

2018 Iceland Writers Retreat Alumni Award...[read more](#)

Graywolf Press Africa Prize...[read more](#)

Commonwealth Short Story Prize...[read more](#)

AVBOB Poetry Competition...[read more](#)

Short Sharp Stories Award...[read more](#)

International Poetry Competition Castello Di Duino – XIV Edition...[read more](#)

members Heidi Grunebaum, Neo Maditla, Aoife Lennon-Ritchie, Catherine Shepherd and Megan Ross.

Bloody Parchment Short Story Competition...[read more](#)

AWARDS NEWS

Kazuo Ishiguro has won the Nobel Prize in Literature 2017...[read more](#)

Mahvash Sabet was named the International Writer of Courage at the PEN Pinter Prize ceremony by this year's PEN Pinter Prize winner Michael Longley...[read more](#)

CONGRATULATIONS!

Amy Heydenrych has had two suspense thrillers acquired by fiction publisher Bonnie Zaffre...[read more](#)

Manu Herbststein will be attending the 2017 Children's Africana Book Awards in Washington, DC next month to receive his 2017 CABA Honor Books Award for *The Boy Who Spat in Sargrenti's Eye*...[read more](#)

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